

STATE PARK

CAMP FLOYD

Camp Floyd/Stagecoach Inn State Park and Museum is located in Fairfield, Utah, 22 miles southwest of Lehi on State Route 73. The park is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. It is closed Sundays October 15 through March 31.

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Used as a strategy by both the northern and southern states, Camp Floyd and the Utah War were an attempt to divert the nation's attention from the issue of states' rights and slavery, to the Mormons and polygamy. Believing that Mormons were rebelling against the laws of the United States, President James Buchanan dispatched 3,500 troops, nearly one-third of the entire U.S. Army, to suppress the rumored rebellion in Utah.

Secretary of War John Floyd and southern democrats encouraged Buchanan. They saw the potential of depleting millions from the U.S. Treasury by giving government contracts to southern businesses for moving troops West. In turn, they hoped westerners would support southern states' rights. The names of those who participated in the Utah campaign, read like a "who's who" of Civil War generals. Rosters include names of Johnston, Buford, Reynolds, Heth, and others.



No rebellion or war ever took place in Utah. In 1858, the army pumped nearly \$200,000 into the local economy to build Camp Floyd. Camp followers soon increased the population of Camp Floyd and Fairfield to 7,000, making it the third largest city in the Utah Territory.

In 1861, tensions between north and south resulted in civil war. Troops were ordered back East for the emergency. Nearly all buildings erected by the army were dismantled or demolished. Some \$ million of army surplus was sold for a few cents on the dollar. Today, the only remnants are the cemetery and the Commissary Building.

STAGECOACH INN

In 1858, John Carson built what is today known as the Stagecoach Inn, a two-story adobe building where Carson and his family lived and operated a hotel for travelers. Stagecoach Inn served as the first Overland Stage Station west of Salt Lake City, serving travelers and others associated with Camp Floyd. One stagecoach passenger described the Inn as "an oasis in the desert." Porter Rockwell, Bill Hickman, Richard Burton, and Mark Twain are a few of the famous guests who once occupied rooms at the Inn.

Carson and his family remained at the Inn after the army deserted Camp Floyd. After his death, the Carson Family continued operating Stagecoach Inn as a hotel until 1947 and in 1959, gave the property to the Utah Division of State Parks and Recreation. The Inn was restored and opened as a museum in 1964.

While exploring this historic building, notice the bullet hole found in both walls of the hallway on the second floor. Records show a paying guest accidentally discharged his shotgun while cleaning it in his room. The shot went through the hallway and into the room of another guest.



CAMP FLOYD COMMISSARY / MUSEUM

Constructed in 1858 by the soldiers of Johnston's Army, the Commissary Building served as a store of military equipment and provisions. It was sold to the Beardshall family at auction in 1861, when the army was recalled for the Civil War. The building was relocated to its current site where it was used as the family's home in Fairfield. All other camp buildings were sold, dismantled or destroyed. Today, the Commissary Building serves as the Camp Floyd museum.



FAIRFIELD DISTRICT SCHOOLHOUSE

Upon earning statehood in 1896, Utah became eligible for federal funds to construct public school buildings. It was with these funds that Fairfield District Schoolhouse was built in 1898. Hundreds of students studied grammar and arithmetic in the classic one-room schoolhouse. As the town population fell during the early 20th century, the school was less utilized and eventually closed in 1937.

Fairfield District Schoolhouse is fully restored, from the original brass bell and potbelly stove, to the replica desks. Today's students may visit for a one-room schoolhouse experience, complete with teachers in period attire. The building stands as a monument to honest builders, skilled craftsmen, and the vision of pioneer families.



RELIVE HISTORY

Camp Floyd / Stagecoach Inn provides a glimpse back in history through many annual programs, events, and activities. Plan a trip during these times for an adventure in history.

April through October

School Field Trips: Experience the life of a soldier enlisted in Johnston's Army. View musket fire, and make candles and adobe bricks. Attend classes in a 19th century one-room schoolhouse, play Pony Express games, and tour the Stagecoach Inn and Camp Floyd Commissary. Minimum group size is 75 and reservations are required.

Johnston's Army Adventure Camp: Boy Scouts travel back in time to 1861 and become soldiers at Camp Floyd, Utah Territory. As a newly enlisted private, scouts don a uniform and shoulder muskets. This authentic and unique overnight experience also meets the requirements for the American Heritage Merit badge and the National Historic Trails Award. Reservations and a \$10 fee per scout are required.

Memorial Day Weekend

Civil War Days: Explore a Civil War encampment of 1861. Visit with re-enactors as they reveal the trials of war and life at Camp Floyd, hear period music, play 19th century games, watch a Civil War battle, shoot period firearms, and observe a flag retirement.

June through August

Camp Floyd History Camp For Kids: Children experience life as a soldier at 1861 Camp Floyd and learn how the Utah War served pre-Civil War objectives. Campers play 19th century games, drill, march, set up camp, and conduct a full-scale military exercise. History Camp is for children eight to 11, and is limited to 24 participants. Reservations and a \$65 camp fee are required.

Last Saturday in September

Camp Floyd Day and Free State Parks Day: Ride in a stagecoach, tour the museum and a Civil War encampment, play period games, march and drill with re-enactors, watch a battle and shoot period firearms, and enjoy food, music and entertainment.

Last Saturday in October

Ghosts of Camp Floyd: Is Camp Floyd haunted? Hear stories of experiences and paranormal investigations at Camp Floyd. View ghost hunting equipment and photos, and hear recordings. Refreshments provided.



RESERVATIONS

Group-use reservations may be made up to 11 months in advance. To make a reservation, call (801) 322-3770 within Salt Lake City or toll-free 1 (800) 322-3770, or online at www.stateparks.utah.gov. Reservations are always recommended. Unreserved pavillions are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

USER FEES

Day-use fees are charged. An additional fee is charged for reservations.

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